

## Selecting a Football Coach Based on How Good, or Bad, His Wife Looks

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**Issue:** The first black head football coach at Vanderbilt University, James Franklin, said during a radio interview that one of the first things he does when looking at prospective hires is size up their wives. “I’ve been saying it for a long time, I will not hire an assistant coach until I’ve seen his wife. If she looks the part, and she’s a D-I recruit, then you got a chance to get hired. That’s part of the deal.” He said his ideology comes from the movie “Moneyball,” in which a scout quips, “Ugly girlfriend means no confidence,” and Franklin thinks there’s something to that.

“There’s a very strong correlation between having confidence going up and talking to women, and being quick on your feet and having some personality and confidence and being fun and articulate, than it is walking into a high school and recruiting a kid and selling him.” Franklin isn’t the first coach to lay out criteria for his coaching staff. In January, South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier said he didn’t want fat, sloppy, smoking bachelors gracing his coaches’ room.

**Question: What do you think of Franklin’s comment, and do you think he was serious when he said getting a job on his staff isn’t about a great resume, experience, or talent, but about how attractive your wife is?**

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### Aly Michaels

That coach is sickening. What assistant coach would want to work for a guy who's ogling his wife, and if



### Jeff Cain

Really poor decision on his comments. Like he didn't have enough challenges with Vandy trying to be co

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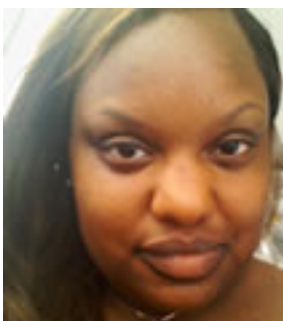
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The coach was kidding! He was obviously just proving to everyone how much of a sucker the media is b



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Some of the most incompetent people I have ever seen were brimming with “self confidence.” What a jo

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